

1865 useful and salutary, as if one or two of these members attended as Representatives. Under the circumstances we would recommend no change for the present.

In conclusion, we would say, the result of our action, under our appointment, has been, gratefully to encourage us in the belief, that the establishment of the Monthly Meeting at Prairie Grove, as a branch of Synod Quarterly Meeting, was in accordance with Rev. Wisdom; and in a full conviction, that if all continued, humble, watchful, and faithful, as it is our desire, and prayer is made, the blessing of Heaven will crown our labors, to advance the cause of Truth and Righteousness."

This report was fully united with by the Quarterly Meeting.

On the application of Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting, held in the 8th month 1860, a Preparative was established, called a Wapsawannock Preparative Meeting at the settlement of Truinas alluded to in the preceding near West Liberty, on the border of Massachusetts and Essex Counties, as a branch of Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting; and the Monthly Meeting to be held there in the odd months, and at Prairie Grove in the even months. Friends have met in a very large and convenient Meeting House at Wapsawannock.

In 1863, a request came to the Quarterly Meeting, from Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting, asking that an independent Monthly Meeting be established, to be held at Wapsawannock, to be called Wapsawannock Monthly Meeting, also that a Quarterly Meeting be established to be composed of Prairie Grove, and Wapsawannock Monthly Meetings, to be held alternately at the places of holding these Meetings.

The request respecting the Monthly Meeting was united with by the Quarterly Meeting, and Wapsawannock Monthly Meeting has been established by the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the first of the month in each month and it was ordered on the first of the day in the 9th month 1864. The request concerning the establishment of a Quarterly Meeting in Iowa, was referred to the Yearly Meeting, for its consideration and is still before that body.

In concluding this Report, the Committee of the Yearly Meeting feel it right to add, that the great desire and aim of Quarterly Meeting, in all its proceedings in the matter, appear to have been, to do what would most promote the comfort and religious advancement of their distant Friends in Iowa, and the

1865 support of our religious principles and testimony, by active concern, and labor for the benefit of this widely extended portion of the State. The Quarterly Meeting would have been willing, at any time, had such been the wish of Iowa Friends, that Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting, should be content of such Quarter. But Meetings are undoubtedly for the benefit and convenience of the individuals composing themselves, what they unite to consider to be their interests and wants, should be carefully and mightily regarded by superior Meetings. Objections existed to their being separated from Synod Quarterly Meeting, and attached to Blue River Quarter, some only of which have been mentioned, which impressed the minds of Friends of Prairie Grove, with great weight.

In a careful consideration of all the circumstances of the case the Quarterly Meeting solemnly judged, that ^{attaching} ~~arbitrarily~~ Monthly Meeting to another Quarterly Meeting, against its wishes and consent, even if such Quarterly Meeting would be willing therefor, would not harmonize with Christian feeling, be favorable to the spiritual interests of those precious Friends or promote the harmony and welfare of the Quarterly Meeting, to which they would be thus attached.

Signed in behalf of the Committee

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The subject of granting a Quarterly Meeting, to be held in Iowa, to be composed of the Monthly Meetings of Prairie Grove and Wapsawannock, which was referred to this Meeting from last year, was again taken up for consideration, and after a mighty deliberation and a full and free expression of sentiment, it was the judgement of the Yearly Meeting, that permission be granted to our Friends in Iowa to hold a Quarterly Meeting as proposed by them in their report to Synod Quarterly Meeting, and forwarded to this Meeting in 1863 to be composed of Prairie Grove, and Wapsawannock, Monthly Meetings, to be held alternately at the places of holding these Meetings, on the second day immediately following the 2^d, 7th day in the 6th and 12th month at Prairie Grove, and in the 3^d and 9th months at Wapsawannock. The Meeting of Ministers and Elders to be held on the 4th day preceding, and John Mealy, Dennis Matting